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## Footie tips for Fabio in Dianne's play for kids



HARP: Jemima Phillips.

### Flute and harp make for a heavenly duo

THERE will be music for all the family when Jemima Phillips and Sarah Waycott team up at the weekend.

The talented Forest musicians will be performing a family friendly flute and harp concert for the Yvonne Walkerdine Music Bursary. They will perform light classics and instantly recognisable Disney tunes.



FLUTE: Sarah Waycott.

There will also be fun demonstrations of what the harp and the flute can do. The concert is at English Bicknor Church at 2.30pm on Sunday. Contact Fiona on 01594 563079 for tickets and more information.

### Carnival capers

**FUN, floats and football are the order of the day at this year's Aylburton Carnival. The colourful event takes place on Saturday from 2pm.**

**The day kicks-off with a procession of floats down the High Street before the fete is officially opened at the playing field from 2.30pm.**

**Attractions include six-a-side football, a bouncy castle and a wheel of fortune. Other sports-related events include a golf skills game, bowling and a tug-of-war.**

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MEET MY MATES: From left Dianne Stadhams, Tony Summers (Ko crocodile) Caroline Buffrey with Tada drum Eileen Summers (Bwark bird) Duncan Hatcher (Mwana antelope) Judy Lewis (Wind).

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**B**ELEAGUED England football boss Fabio Capello could learn a thing or two from a new children's production in St Briavel's this weekend.

The stern Italian – under pressure after England's early World Cup exit – could benefit from a quiet word with Mwana, the football coaching antelope in *Meet My Mates*.

Mwana appears alongside football crazy Crocodile Ko and his team of friends at the Assembly Rooms on July 11.

The production is based on the newly published children's book and DVD by St Briavel's author Dianne Stadhams.

It has been brought to life by Dianne's EyeKnow Productions performance group and features local actors in masks made by the firm behind the world-renowned Lion King stage show.

The story follows the adventures of Ko as he travels through cyberspace on a surf board, jumping in and out of computer monitors.

The narrative was designed to help improve literacy in African countries and was turned into a TV series.

Dianne said: "I was doing a lot of work in Africa at the time and literacy is a big problem.

"It is too expensive for most African countries to bring in a TV

series from the first world so we came up with something set in Africa using masks.

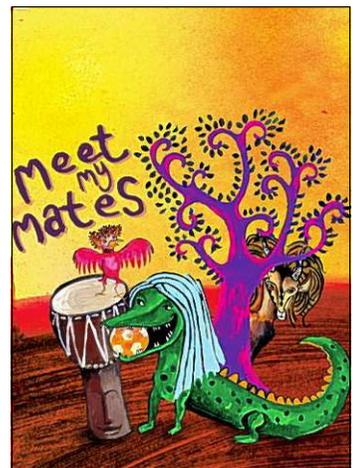
"This meant that although we recorded it in English it was very cheap and easy to dub over."

Diane settled on a football theme due to the game's universal appeal. The production is Dianne's first foray into family entertainment and if the show is successful it could be rolled out to a wider audience.

The event runs from 3.30pm-5pm and includes musical games and a picnic tea.

The event is suitable for children up to eight accompanied by an adult. Tickets are £3.50 per child and free for adults. Places must be booked in advance on 01594 530242.

For more on Dianne's work visit [www.eyeknow.eu](http://www.eyeknow.eu).



Meet My Mates by Dianne Stadhams.

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